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TAGS:CDES, BRIDEAU, JOSEPH RAYMOND

SUBJECT:DEATH OF JOSEPH RAYMOND BRIDEAU

1. SCS DUTY OFFICER CONTACTED JANUARY 8 BY MR. ED LITTLE, HARRIS COUNTY CORONER AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI. HIS OFFICE HAS JUST FINISHED AN AUTOPSY ON THE REMAINS OF MR. JOSEPH R. BRIDEAU AT THE REQUEST OF THE FAMILY. MR. BRIDEAU DIED IN NIGERIA JANUARY 2 AND HIS DEATH WAS LISTED AT THAT TIME AS CAUSE UNKNOWN.

2. MR. LITTLE STATES THAT CRANIAL DISSECTION REVEALED THE CAUSE OF DEATH AS A SEVERE BLOW TO THE LEFT TEMPLE AREA AND IT IS THE OPINION OF THE CORONER'S OFFICE THAT HE WAS MURDERED.

3. CORONER'S OFFICE HAS ALREADY ADVISED BRIDEAU'S WIDOW ALICE BRIDEAU AND THE HOUSTON CONTRACTING COMPANY, 28707 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY, HOUSTON, TEXAS, MR. BRIDEAU'S EMPLOYER, OF THE AUTOPSY FINDINGS.

4. POST REQUESTED TO RELAY ABOVE INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE  
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AUTHORITIES, AND TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH AS MUCH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BRIDEAU'S DEATH AS POSSIBLE.  
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